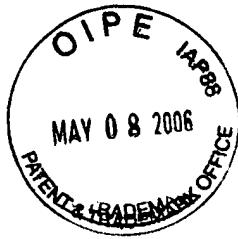


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21 In accordance with the notice "REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE: 37 CFR 1.121
22 CHANGED, effective July 30, 2003, the MPEP and 37 CFR, following are:

- 23 (A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS,
24 (B) AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION,
25 (C) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS,
26 (D) REMARKS, including DRAWING AMENDMENTS, if any.

1 (A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

2 This paper is filed in reply to the Office Action issued on 02/23/2006 with respect to the
3 above-referenced application. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration.

4 Claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 102 and 103. Amendments hereinafter cure
5 the rejections.